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SUBJECT: EGYPT'S PLANS ON RETURN OF HAJJIS TO GAZA STILL IN  
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Classified By: DCM Stuart Jones for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) A Directorate of Military Intelligence official told us that plans to facilitate the return of approximately 2,000 Hajjis to Gaza are unresolved. They said the GOE wishes to use Karem Shalom to return the pilgrims, but that no agreement has been reached. During a briefing at the Rafah border crossing on December 12, another LAWIO official said he did not know what plans had been made for the return of the pilgrims. We will continue to try and confirm this information.

[1](#)2. (C) An Israeli Embassy official in Cairo told us that he was not aware of any coordination on this issue.  
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